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# notes from the provost

## No Substitute

By Christopher Ames  
*Provost and Senior Vice President*

"I'm afraid I need to be going," the business executive said to the college administrator, bringing their lively conversation to a close. They had been discussing the high cost of a college education.

The executive had pressed the administrator to explain why college tuition has been rising faster than inflation. More specifically, he wondered why higher education had benefited so little from technology. "Technological innovation has been the driving force behind increasing productivity and lowering costs throughout modern economics—from the agricultural innovations that transformed chicken from a luxury to a staple to the semi-conductor advances that made a DVD player as inexpensive as a DVD. Why haven't universities found ways to use technology to lower their costs and increase productivity?"

The administrator had marshaled the familiar but not wholly convincing arguments. He had noted that education done right is more "high touch" than "high tech," and that the biggest expense in universities was faculty, who, after all, worked for very modest salaries. Further, he noted that colleges are charged with educating students in the use of technology and that actually makes a lot of technological innovations cost generators rather than cost savers. Students need to practice on not only the latest computers, but also the latest in laboratory equipment, research databases and libraries.

And universities are expected to educate the whole person. That means athletic facilities, residence halls, theatres and meeting rooms in addition to classrooms and offices. The model of

the for-profit university franchised into a rented office building with no library and few full-time faculty might serve some adult learners well, but it isn't what the typical college-bound 18-year-old is looking for.

"Well, I'm sorry I have to leave so soon," the businessman said. "I made the mistake of buying my symphony tickets on the same night as my tennis lesson, so I have to change for tennis and then run home and change again for the concert."

"That's interesting," the college administrator remarked. "Tell me about your tennis lesson. How does it work?"

"What do you mean? It's like any tennis lesson: I spend an hour on the court hitting with the pro and working on fundamentals."

"Hmmm. Wouldn't it be more efficient to buy a video and hit with a ball machine? You know, use technology to keep your costs down."

"Well, I do have some tennis videos. And I do hit against the machine from time to time. But there's just no substitute for working one-on-one with a master."

"Exactly our philosophy," the administrator said.

"We believe that if you want to learn something, you need to work in close proximity with someone who has the knowledge and skills you seek. Like you said, there's no substitute for close personal contact with a master."

"But I'm even more interested in the symphony," the administrator continued. "When you sit down at the concert, do you ever browse the list of names of donors in the back of the program?"

"Certainly. I'm in there, and I know a lot of people on the list."

"Why do you donate money to the symphony?"



Dr. Philip P. Zinsmeister



"Because a great symphony is an important asset for this city. And I love the music. It's as simple as that."

"Well, yes," the administrator mused. "But that list of donors is a measure of the gap between the ticket price you pay and the real cost of putting on the concert. Like colleges, the cost is greater than the price, and donations have to make up the difference. I know you love movies, too. Why don't you also donate money to your favorite movie studios?"

"Because they make enough money as it is—and the movie stars make an obscene amount."

"Exactly. The \$9 you pay for a movie ticket is enough to support movie star and movie executive salaries and provide profits for the theater operators, the distributors and the shareholders with studio stock. But the \$40 you pay to see the symphony only goes part of the way to making that non-profit entity break even."

"Of course, that's because a movie is seen by millions around the globe and mass produced and re-produced."

"That's just my point. The media that can be mass produced—a movie, a magazine, a mass-market book, even a CD of your beloved symphony—can take advantage of technology and an economy of scale and be marketed inexpensively and turn a profit. But other kinds of experiences that depend on live performance in a small venue—the theatre, the symphony, the ballet, the art museum, and I daresay, the college classroom—cannot be mass marketed without changing what makes them valuable in the first place."

"Well, yes. I certainly understand that private donations and foundations support cultural missions that can't thrive in the free market. But that doesn't mean that they don't need to manage costs efficiently."

"Point taken. Non-profits have learned a lot from the business world and continue to do so. It's just that the cost structures and values underlying your

tennis lesson and symphony concert remind us that the values of higher education are not so arcane. There is no substitute for close personal interaction with the people you want to learn from, and as wonderful as instructional videos, CDs and movies are, they don't wholly duplicate the experience of live performance and engagement. Higher education provides experiences and preserves cultural values that only widespread support from governments and philanthropists can sustain. I think we need more conversations like this, and we in education need to do a better job of explaining the complex value of the experience college offers. Good luck working on your serve."

## Longtime Biology Professor Retires from Oglethorpe

Dr. Philip P. Zinsmeister, Oglethorpe University professor of biology, announced his retirement this year. He has been a member of the Oglethorpe faculty since 1973, where he taught a variety of courses in the areas of genetics and cell biology.

Zinsmeister was a major contributor in the development of the biological science portion of the current core curriculum at Oglethorpe. He is author or co-author of a number of research articles on insect development and in the field of neuroscience, and he was chair of the Science Division for seven years. In 1993-94 he was a Fulbright Scholar in Belize. In 1995 he received the Lu Thomasson Garrett Award for Meritorious Teaching. He is also a recipient of the 2005 School Bell Award, and he was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa in 1997.

Zinsmeister says his years at Oglethorpe have repeatedly shown the benefits of working in the small college environment. "I am deeply grateful for the productive and personally fulfilling relations I have established and maintained with a great many students and with faculty from all academic disciplines," he says.

We at Oglethorpe wish Dr. Zinsmeister all the best as he enters the next chapter of his very accomplished life.

## Save the Date

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu) (keyword: news).

### April

April 18: Playreaders: *Spinning into Butter* by Rebecca Gilman, Emerson Student Center, 7 p.m.

April 23-24: *After Eros*, Maureen Fleming, Conant Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Contains nudity.

### May

May 2: Conversations with Playwrights: Exploding the Limits of Form with Amy Wheeler, Emerson Student Center, 7 p.m.

May 7: Oglethorpe University Commencement, Academic Quadrangle, 9 a.m.

May 9-12: 2005 Men's Division III NCAA National Golf Tournament, hosted by Oglethorpe. The Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. Alumni reception on May 10 at 7 p.m.

May 22: Last day of exhibit, *Masterpieces from European Artist Colonies (1830-1930)* from Public and Private European Art Collections, OUMA.

May 23: Stormy Petrel Golf Classic, St. Marlo Country Club, 10:30 a.m. shotgun start.

## News

### Caddy Daddy Coaches Daughter in the Love of the Game

By Emily Gantert '07

Jim Owen, Oglethorpe's men and women's golf coach, is not only a golfer, a coach, a husband and father, but to 8-year-old daughter Michaela, he's "Caddy Daddy."



Oglethorpe golf coach Jim Owen, evaluates 8-year-old daughter Michaela's shot.

Jim Owen has been coaching at Oglethorpe for 23 years, long before Michaela was born. She grew up around his teams, eventually developing an interest in golf, saying it "looked easy." Owen bought his daughter her first club, but little did he know she would develop a love, and talent, for the sport.

Like any good caddy, Owen offers his daughter tips on the course. "He tells me to work on my chipping, pitching and putting, but I like to hit my driver," Michaela says. Owen is grateful for his daughter's interest in golf, as it gives them plenty of father-daughter time.

What's the best thing about being a girl who plays golf? Michaela says she likes picking out golf shoes. According to Coach Owen, Michaela hit "the right sport at the right time." Not only is women's golf growing at Oglethorpe, but nationally as well. Michelle Wie, Michaela's favorite player, is a 15-year-old playing on LPGA tours.

Though Michaela has only been playing for about a year on the US Kids girls tour, she's already qualified for the tour championship and played in the regional championship in February. Her hope is to qualify for the US Kids world championship, and she's also set some serious long-term goals: "I want to play a tournament in Hawaii when I get older."

Keep an eye out for Michaela and US Kids Golf on ESPN, which covers their regional, national and world championships. Find out more by visiting: [www.uskidsgolf.com](http://www.uskidsgolf.com).



1998 Nobel Peace Prize winner  
John Hume meets with Oglethorpe  
students in February.



## OUMA Displays European Artist Colony Paintings

The Oglethorpe University Museum of Art is hosting a one-time-only exhibit through May 22, 2005, displaying masterpieces from the famous European artist colonies of the mid-19th and early 20th centuries. The 70 artist colony paintings from seven European countries have never before been exhibited in the United States.

Artist colonies are credited with changing the tradition of western painting by moving artists out of the studio and into nature, as they worked in the open air. This shift led to the development of other significant art movements such as impressionism, realism, symbolism, surrealism and expressionism.

The 70 artist colony paintings are gathered from 23 private and public collections in seven European countries. OUMA visitors will see significant works of art from 18 artist colonies in seven European countries, including works by Camille Corot, Anne Ancher, Camille Pissarro, Paul Klee, Paul Sérusier, Marianne Werefkin, Herman Hesse, Alexej von Jawlensky, Charles-François Daubigny, Émile Bernard and Otto Modersohn.



## Nobel Prize Winner Visits Oglethorpe

1998 Nobel Peace Prize winner John Hume visited the Oglethorpe campus in February. He began his Atlanta tour at Oglethorpe with members of the Social Democratic and Labour Party of Ireland, speaking to a large audience in the Earl Dolive Theater of the Philip Weltner Library. Hume received the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in securing the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement in Northern Ireland. Following the example of his hero Martin Luther King, Jr., Hume organized a civil rights movement for Catholics in his hometown of Derry in Northern Ireland. He went on to found and lead the Social Democratic and Labour Party and recently retired from both the European and British Parliaments. He was also awarded the 1999 Martin Luther King Award for Non-Violence and the 2001 Gandhi Peace Prize.

## Power Brokers

Beginning in January 2005, the painting *A Meeting in Time* was displayed in partnership with the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art. *A Meeting in Time* depicts 20th century Presidents of the United States gathered in the cross halls of the White House. The 13 x 20 foot canvas is a masterpiece by the Bulgarian artist, Rossin. The work took nearly four years to complete.

Living in his native Bulgaria when inspired to take on this massive project, Rossin's goal was to create a piece that was historically significant. "Every gesture, every pose, says something about each president," Rossin says. "So you see them gathered together for a brief moment in the White House, but they are individuals, a mixture of characters and political parties. It is a portrait of a century and of 18 men sharing the same spirit, despite their differences. Never in art history has something been done like this before." For more information about the artist, visit [www.portraitpartners.com](http://www.portraitpartners.com).



## news & events



*David Robertson '86 attempts to dribble past OU sophomore Stephanie Chapman in the Salamone soccer tournament.*

### You Haven't Changed a Bit

The Oglethorpe 1980s Reunion Weekend took place in October. Classmates and former faculty and staff members from across the country gathered on campus to relive their days as Stormy Petrels.



*Drew Findling '81 renews acquaintances with Ellen Heckler O'Herlihy '82 and Maureen Robinson '83.*

*From left: President Larry Large, Harry Frazer '89 and Lyndyn Frazer visit with Bud Salamone at the second annual John Salamone soccer tournament, which honors Bud's son, an Oglethorpe alumnus who died in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. More than 80 alumni and current students participated in this year's tournament.*



### Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah

Parents Weekend 2004 drew more than 200 parents of current students to the Oglethorpe campus, one of the largest turnouts to date. Parents were treated to a fall concert by the University Singers, men's and women's soccer team victories over Millsaps College and a basketball jamboree, which featured a free throw contest for a chance to win a year's free tuition. Parents met with President Larry Large to discuss campus issues such as the new residence halls and Oglethorpe athletics. They also attended faculty lectures and were special guests at the Oglethorpe Museum of Art and Night of the Arts student exhibition. For information about the next Parents Weekend, visit [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu) or email [crobinson@oglethorpe.edu](mailto:crobinson@oglethorpe.edu).





*Oglethorpe alum Eugene Agoshkov delivers the news to Russian audiences.*

## Just the Facts, Ma'am: Oglethorpe Alum Delivers the News in Russia

Oglethorpe alumnus Eugene Agoshkov says being recognized on the street is just one perk of his television career at Russian Channel One, Moscow. The "Russian Matt Lauer" also experiences the excitement of reporting breaking news on the air, traveling to far-flung locations and covering important stories, such as anti-terrorist operations in Chechnya.

Agoshkov began his career seven years ago, when he was offered a job with the Russian news agency while completing an internship at CNN Atlanta. In 1996 and 1997 he attended Oglethorpe as a Georgia Rotary scholar. Moving up from an editor to a correspondent to his current job as a news anchor, Agoshkov has covered many exciting stories. The anti-terrorist story in Chechnya subjected him and his crew to military fighting, as they tried to report the story in the midst of automatic gunfire and grenade explosions. Also memorable, for perhaps more sublime reasons, was a documentary he made in Switzerland. His cameraman doubled as a mountain skiing instructor.

Agoshkov says his favorite class at Oglethorpe was Public Speaking with professors Dempsey and Swan. "It was interesting and challenging," he says. "It was precise information and precise skills, and I use the knowledge and experience I got there almost every day."

## A New York State of Mind

The Alumni Office, Stuart Herman '50 and Elsie Adler hosted a reception for our New York City-area alumni in March. More than 40 people came out for an evening with fellow Petrels and received the latest on campus happenings from Oglethorpe President Larry Large.



*From left: Monica Flores '99, Patricia Curtis Bontakoe '98, Aimee Thrasher-Hanson '98 and Lance Ozier '01 enjoy an Oglethorpe reception for New York City-area alumni.*



*Oglethorpe President Larry Large chats with New York alumni reception co-host Stuart Herman '50*



# building oglethorpe



## Get a Room!

By Erica Rountree

Finally, a dorm room where you can get away from it all, including your roommates! Oglethorpe University is in the midst of constructing brand-new residence halls featuring private bedrooms and apartment-like amenities, which school officials hope new students will be excited to call home during their college experience.

The introduction of individual bedrooms follows a national trend toward increased privacy on college campuses. The four-story building, which is being constructed in Oglethorpe's collegiate Gothic style, will be home to 160 students. "Students strongly requested buildings that look like Oglethorpe's Academic Quad," says Timothy Doyle, Oglethorpe's dean of students and vice president for student affairs. "The new building

will have our traditional granite façade with a contemporary, 21st century interior."

Suites include four private bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room and kitchen area. Each floor includes common spaces with levels designated for meeting, study or recreation purposes, with student resident assistants living on each floor. The building was available for walk-through tours during Alumni Weekend, April 1-3, and is scheduled to open in late July.

This year, Oglethorpe freshmen were required for the first time to live on campus unless they live at home with parents. Next year, this same requirement will extend to sophomores. "Internal research and outside 'best practices' indicate that students who live on campus, particularly as underclassmen, are more successful overall," says Doyle. The new residence hall, with the live-on requirement, is intended to improve campus life as students live, work and play together.

"Our fine academic program can only reach those who come here, and prospective students need to find a place where they can see themselves for the next four years," says Oglethorpe President Larry Large.

Jeff Morrison of Gardner, Spencer, Smith, Tench & Hensley, P.C. is the university's architect, and Choate Construction is responsible for building the new residence hall. Visit the Oglethorpe Web site at [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu) to view conceptual drawings of the building interior and exterior.

## The Petrel Challenge Buildings around Oglethorpe University

1. Oglethorpe University's "famed" medical school was housed in which building?

- a) Faith Hall
- b) Goslin Hall
- c) Philip Weltner Library
- d) Lupton Hall

2. Oglethorpe University's indoor swimming pool was located in which building?

- a) Emerson Student Center
- b) Goodman Hall
- c) MacConnell Gate House
- d) Lupton Hall

3. What building on campus was once an elementary school?

- a) Jim Cherry
- b) Dorough Field House
- c) Emerson Student Center
- d) Jacobs Resident Hall

4. The Crypt of Civilization is located in which building?

- a) MacConnell Gate House
- b) Lupton Hall
- c) Philip Weltner Library
- d) Phoebe Hearst Hall

5. What is the name of Oglethorpe University's baseball field?

- a) Alumni Field
- b) Anderson Field
- c) Petrel Field
- d) Does not have a name

6. Several Oglethorpe University faculty members had apartments in which building?

- a) Alumni Residence Hall
- b) Dempsey Residence Hall
- c) Faith Hall
- d) Lupton Hall

7. Georgia Shakespeare originally performed where?

- a) J. Mack Robinson Hall
- b) Lanier House
- c) Lupton Hall
- d) Oglethorpe University's soccer field

8. Oglethorpe University's famous "cat professor" once lived on the upper floor of?

- a) Goslin Hall
- b) Library
- c) Lupton Hall
- d) Phoebe Hearst Hall



Quiz Answers:  
1. c; 2. d; 3. a; 4. d; 5. b; 6. d;  
7. d - it is now the baseball field; 8. b

# OU have to meet them

David Ross



Jay Gardiner, Athletic Director  
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 Memberships: NACDA, NAADD, FCA Board  
 Children: Matthew, 27, Andrew, 25, and Daniel, 21.



Claire Davis, Director of Annual Giving  
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## Communication is Key to Strong Alumni Relations

Dear Alumni:

Since I joined the Alumni Association Board in July 2003, we have organized our committee structure and set specific goals to better meet the needs of Oglethorpe alumni. As the first-ever vice president for communications on the board, my concerns focus on the relationships between the association and alumni (all of whom automatically become members upon graduation) and between alumni and the university. One of my responsibilities is to serve on the editorial board for *The Carillon*. I can share with you my goal that, while this magazine is not strictly an alumni publication, the interests of alumni will be featured in its pages every fall and spring. Over the summer and during the holidays, look for *OU Running Briefs* in your mailbox. I hope you will find this summary of news from the university a great complement to the profiles and essays in *The Carillon*.

Both *The Carillon* and the *OU Running Briefs* will report on Oglethorpe alumni events. Actually planning those events, though, had been daunted by a magazine's production schedule. Now they are announced through the Oglethorpe E-News that alumni receive at

the end of each month. This update, just for alumni, doubles as a way to send your thoughts to the alumni office staff. The staff can then communicate your requests to the board's events committee, who can plan better Oglethorpe alumni events.

Some results of this communication and planning range from a reinvigorated Young Alumni Club to a more memorable Golden Petrel Celebration, not to mention an '80s Reunion Weekend that attendees will still be talking about when they are Golden Petrels! These interactions keep us vital, which is why I would encourage any of you who are not receiving E-News to sign up by sending an email to [alumni@oglethorpe.edu](mailto:alumni@oglethorpe.edu).

Your thoughts are vital to the board and to the university. The choices and challenges Oglethorpe will face will require great thinkers and great writers to serve as great volunteers. I urge each of you to consider and discuss with any board member how your experience and interests might be of service to our alma mater.

Best regards,

David Ross '93  
 Vice President for Communications,  
 Oglethorpe National Alumni Association

# make a life

## Celebrating Oglethorpe's Fifteenth President

*In the spring of 1999, Dr. Larry Denton Large came to Oglethorpe as our 15th president. In his time as president, he has lived the Oglethorpe motto, "to make a life, make a living, and make a difference."*

*Under his leadership, Oglethorpe has positioned itself to fulfill its vision of being the leading liberal arts institution in the Southeast. His visible presence in the Atlanta and higher education communities, two years of record numbers of applications, and his commitment to improving the lives of our students (as illustrated in this issue), prepare the university to serve better the students of today and tomorrow.*

*The following pages contain a letter from Dr. Large and photos of friends and events from years past.*

*As Dr. Large and his wife, Marsha, prepare to retire to their home in Oregon, the entire Oglethorpe community joins in celebrating President Large's years at Oglethorpe and in wishing them every happiness in the future.*



*Marsha and Larry Large standing with Coucher de Soleil (Setting Sun), a painting by Auguste-Joseph Delessard from 1893, on loan from Mairie de Grez-sur-Loing, at the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art's Masterpieces from European Artist Colonies, 1830-1930.*

# make a life

## A Message From Dr. Large

When I announced last October my decision to retire in August, I promised that I would be fully engaged in Oglethorpe University through the remainder of my tenure. Indeed that has been and continues to be the case.

As I contemplate what I want to say to you in this, my last published letter as president, I find that I want to share with you my pride in what we have accomplished and my thoughts about the



*Dr. John Nardo, Associate Professor of Mathematics, receives the Lu Thomasson Garrett Award for Meritorious Teaching from Dr. Large at the 2003 Commencement Ceremony.*



*Dr. Large with Trustees Belle Turner Lynch '61, Warren Jobe and Harald Hansen.*

foundation that, together, we have built. I arrived at Oglethorpe with high hopes and ambitious goals, and I know that all of you share those ambitions. As I look now to Oglethorpe's future, I am encouraged by the directions we have set and the momentum that is building.

The beautiful Oglethorpe campus and our students have benefited from a number of facilities improvements. Robinson Hall is an award-winning project that transformed what was arguably the ugliest and most useless building in Atlanta into a space that supports our academic mission and is also a source of great pride. We owe a special thanks to its namesake, J. Mack Robinson, as well to the Woodruff Foundation and other donors whose gifts made this possible, including some who choose to remain anonymous.

Lupton Auditorium, one of the oldest and most historic locations on the campus, underwent a renovation, largely funded by the Rich Foundation, that not only restored its aesthetic appeal but also provided the technology required in performance spaces today. Likewise, with the support of the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Warren Jobe, and his wife Sally, the Georgia Power Foundation, the Hearst Foundation and several other donors, a number of classrooms in Hearst Hall were



*Dr. Large greets the Class of 2008 during Freshman Convocation last fall in Conant.*

renovated and outfitted with the kind of technology that our professors need for today's pedagogy.

A few years ago we set out to identify the needs and expectations of current and prospective students. Our extensive research led to a strategic plan, a campus master plan and an athletic strategic plan. As a result of these efforts, two new residence halls and a campus center were planned. The first of the residence halls is currently under construction—on time and on budget—and will be occupied by



Oglethorpe students in August 2005. Plans for the campus center are continuing, with the necessary space and design elements identified and the initial fundraising under way, thanks to commitments from several trustees, alumni and other friends. At the same time, another need we identified in our planning is currently being remedied with the installation of a new hard-wood playing floor and other improvements in Dorough Field House, thanks once again to



*Dr. Large with Barry D. Lynch, Dr. Philip Zinsmeister, and Dr. Douglas McFarland before hitting the green at the 2003 Stormy Petrel Classic.*



*Bill Harrell, Dr. Large and James P. Kelley '83 take a break from the 2004 Stormy Petrel Golf Classic.*

Warren and Sally Jobe, whose challenge gift has stimulated additional donations to make this project possible. In addition to physical plant improvements, the past few years have also been a time of repositioning the university in the market for students and donors. With the help of our marketing department, a professional consultant

and a committee of dedicated trustees and alumni, we have developed an eloquent statement of our promise to our students, a clear statement of our vision for the future, a consistent look and message for our internal and external communications and an integrated marketing plan.

The marketing initiative is only one way in which trustees have been increasingly engaged in the life of the university. The work of another group of trustees, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, has been vital to the success of campus master planning, converting the Windsor Parkway property to endowment and overseeing negotiations for the development of the Inn at Oglethorpe to be built on the Peachtree Road side of the campus. Our Board of Trustees is firmly dedicated to providing for Oglethorpe's present needs and for improving its future. Today, our board understands Oglethorpe more fully and is more committed than at any time in its past to our mission, our faculty and our students. Our alumni are also more fully involved in



*Former professors Phil Palmer and Keith Baker speak with Dr. Large during Alumni Weekend 2003.*

the life of the university. More than 50 percent of our trustees now come from the ranks of Oglethorpe alumni, and alumni are being challenged by their peers to support their alma mater in increasing numbers. Indeed, this magazine, *The Carillon*, is one outcome of the marketing plan and of increased alumni engagement with their university.

# make a life



*Dr. and Mrs. Large are joined by Edgar Lansbury and Louise Peabody at a fundraiser for the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art.*

Finally, the class of 2008 and the current record-setting number of applicants for the class of 2009 speak to the appeal of Oglethorpe, the city of Atlanta, and the education we offer for extraordinary students. Our students seek an educational experience that goes far beyond mere job preparation and indeed is, in the final analysis, the very



*Dr. Large celebrates Oglethorpe Day 2004 by cutting a Lupton Hall cake for students.*

best form of preparation for making a living, while also making a life and making a difference. I encourage you to step forward and become more a part of the excitement generated by this momentum. Increase your support for Oglethorpe. Help recruit students in your community by telling them about this extraordinary place, what it means

to you and its importance in your life. Come enjoy Alumni and Parents Weekends! View one-of-a-kind exhibits on display at the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art or turn out to support the Stormy Petrels. And become a donor to the Oglethorpe Fund or increase your gift to reflect your level of support – your gifts make a difference.



*Dr. Large recognizes Dr. William O. Shropshire at a dinner for the Nescit Cedere Heritage Society.*

Contributions from our alumni and friends also encourage foundations to support the university. As I look to Oglethorpe's future, I am excited by what I see. With an outstanding faculty, terrific students, an energetic staff, an engaged and committed Board of Trustees, increasing recognition of the value of our alumni, and with your support, there is no limit to



*Dr. Large chats with Dr. Cassandra Copeland and Marvin Austin '02 (MBA '04) at last year's Stomp the Lawn.*



*Dr. Lawrence Schall*



*Dr. Large congratulates Kelly Matysik '04 during last year's commencement.*

what the future can hold. With all who love Oglethorpe working together, we have the power to realize our vision of being the most outstanding liberal arts institution in the Southeast. Marsha and I may be watching from a distance as we enjoy rejoining our family on the West Coast, but that



*Dr. Large chats with Diane Baker '77, National Alumni Association Board President, during Alumni Weekend 2003.*

distance will not diminish my interest in Oglethorpe's future or my certainty that the future is bright indeed for this outstanding, historic institution. I will always be an outspoken supporter of this terrific place that I have been so proud to call home these past six years.

*Larry D. Large*

## Dr. Lawrence Schall Named 16th President of Oglethorpe

Dr. Lawrence Schall, J.D., Ed.D., will become the 16th president of Oglethorpe University on July 1, 2005. Schall was vice president for administration at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and co-director of the Executive Doctorate Program in Higher Education Management at the University of Pennsylvania. Schall succeeds Dr. Larry D. Large, who announced his retirement last October.

"Oglethorpe is an extraordinary institution with a long, rich past and a brilliant future," says Schall. "That future rests on a resolute commitment to connect students who come to Oglethorpe with a passion for learning and a belief that they can make a difference in the world. We will realize this mission with a faculty second to none in its ability to teach, transform and prepare young men and women to be citizens of the world. Nothing is more important for America today than to produce broadly educated citizens who will participate fully in their communities, and no education is better suited to that purpose than one grounded in the liberal arts. An Oglethorpe education teaches one to be both versatile and courageous."

Schall holds his undergraduate degree from Swarthmore and his Juris Doctor and Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a former civil rights lawyer who returned to his alma mater 14 years ago. At Swarthmore, he was involved in almost every area of university management including admissions, strategic planning and capital projects, student affairs, community relations and fund raising.

"The presidential search committee has brought a great leader to Oglethorpe, and everyone associated with the university is thrilled that Larry Schall will become the next president," said Larry Large, current president.

Schall and his wife, Betty Londergan, a writer, have four children.

# make a difference

Richard Garner



## Georgia Shakespeare Celebrates 20th Anniversary Season at Oglethorpe

*Professional Company Gives OU Students the Insiders' Tour of Theatre*

By Stacey Colosa Lucas  
Marketing Director, Georgia Shakespeare

Some Oglethorpe alumni might remember Georgia Shakespeare as the theater company that pitched a tent on campus every summer to perform the works of Shakespeare and other classic authors. Others might remember the construction of the Conant Performing Arts Center just past Philip Weltner Library. Still, others might remember sitting in the Conant Performing Arts Center as part of "Fresh Focus" and watching Georgia Shakespeare's professional acting company perform "Macbeth" or "Romeo and Juliet."

Whatever the memory, for the past 20 years, Georgia Shakespeare has co-existed and thrived along with the faculty, staff and students of Oglethorpe University.

Founded in 1986 by Kirby McLain Anderson, Robert Watson and Richard Garner, Georgia Shakespeare began as a small summer theater

company that produced two plays under a tent in the sweltering Georgia heat. "We didn't have a permanent home back then," says Garner, who currently serves as Producing Artistic Director. "Former President Dr. Manning Pattillo said we could pitch a tent in the summer and gave us some office space and phone lines. We figured 'why not?' and a professional theater company was born."

For the first few years, Georgia Shakespeare performed two plays in rotating repertory from June through August. Soon, the repertory was expanded to three plays, the majority of which were written by Shakespeare, although other classic authors, such as Moliere, began to be thrown into the mix as well.

Today, Georgia Shakespeare is a \$1.5 million professional theater company performing the works of Shakespeare and other enduring authors with the Conant Performing Arts Center as its performance home. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* has called the festival "as much a part of Atlanta as the lighting of Rich's Great Tree at Christmas or the running of the Peachtree Road Race."

"Repertory is extremely demanding," Garner says. "You need a company of actors who have mastered a wide range of acting styles and who can tackle any challenge you throw at them. Mix that with the challenges of performing under a tent during a Georgia summer, and you realize you need the crème de la crème of Atlanta's acting community in order to produce high quality theater."

The crème de la crème of Atlanta's acting community is what Garner has nurtured over the past 20 years. In an effort to keep Atlanta's most versatile actors working in the city, Garner created the Associate Artist program in 1992.

"I believe providing fresh and demanding artistic challenges, as well as living wages, are essential in keeping top caliber talent anchored in Atlanta," he says.



Park Kraussen and Brad Sherrill in Georgia Shakespeare's "What the Butler Saw." Photo by Bill DeLoach.



*Marni Penning and Daniel May in Georgia Shakespeare's "Macbeth." Photo by Bill DeLoach.*

Georgia Shakespeare's Associate Artists are a group of actors and artistic staff who have contributed their talents to the company for a minimum of six years. The Associate Artist program was formed not only as a means of guaranteeing regular work for these senior artists, but also to create an informal "think tank" of consultants who actively contribute to Georgia Shakespeare's final product.

Because of this philosophy, many of Atlanta's finest actors found they could settle in Georgia, buy a home and, perhaps, raise a family. According to Georgia Shakespeare's newly appointed education director and 16-year acting veteran Allen O'Reilly, Garner's dedication to building an artistic home for actors has changed his life.

"It's important for artists to have a place where we feel secure and, at the same time, are challenged to improve our craft," O'Reilly says. "Richard's Associate Artist program provides a good number

of Atlanta artists with that luxury. Although many of us perform on many stages throughout Atlanta each year, we always return to our artistic home: Georgia Shakespeare."

O'Reilly's artistic home has taken on new meaning, as he has been recently hired to head up Georgia Shakespeare's award-winning educational programs. In this role, O'Reilly will oversee one of the company's most significant 20th anniversary initiatives: launching the new elementary tour this fall, thus expanding the company's award-winning outreach programs, which have reached more than 500,000 students since 1988.

In addition to bringing the classics to Georgia's young audiences, Georgia Shakespeare is also a training ground for young actors, many of whom receive their first professional job through Georgia Shakespeare's summer internship program. Former Georgia Shakespeare acting interns include *Alias* star Jennifer Garner (1996) as well as Oglethorpe alumnus Jessie Dougherty '03 (2000), who is now co-artistic director of Atlanta's Relativity Theatre. Oglethorpe University senior Jesse Hinson '05 has completed two summer acting intern programs and was cast in last fall's production of "Macbeth."

Georgia Shakespeare's 20th anniversary season begins June 10 with its Summer Festival at the Conant Performing Arts Center, which culminates on August 8. In keeping with traditions that blossomed during the "tent years," patrons may arrive early, picnic on the landscaped grounds, and enjoy pre-show entertainment before entering the theater for the performance, thus creating the festival atmosphere upon which Georgia Shakespeare was founded.

Find information about Georgia Shakespeare by visiting [www.gashakespeare.org](http://www.gashakespeare.org) or calling (404) 264-0020. Those interested in volunteering may call (404) 504-3404.

# reading room

*What are people on campus reading? Find out by visiting the Carillon Reading Room. To contribute to the next issue and share your literary insights, contact Mark DeLong at [mdelong@oglethorpe.edu](mailto:mdelong@oglethorpe.edu).*

Heath Coleman '95

*Director of Conference and Event Planning*

*The Battle for God* by Karen Armstrong

Karen Armstrong's exploration of the rise of fundamentalism in the world's major religions is perhaps her most insightful book yet. Tracing fundamentalism to its roots in Christianity, Judaism and Islam, Armstrong shows through exhaustive research that fundamentalism is a reaction to the spiritual crisis many feel in the modern, secular age. *The Battle for God* is the perfect blend of history, sociology and spirituality.

*1,000 Places to See before You Die: A Traveler's Life List* by Patricia Schultz

This *New York Times* bestseller is the quintessential traveler's guide to the world. Want to take a vacation but haven't a clue where to go? This is the book for you! You will find everything from the Highland Games at Braemar to the Ngorongoro Crater in Africa, the Hagia Sophia in Turkey to Glacier National Park in Montana. So, how many places have you seen?

*50 Jobs Worse Than Yours* by Justin Racz

This inspirational (tongue-in-cheek) book will make you truly thankful for the job you have. Illustrating the hazards of being a Sherpa or Saddam Hussein's body double, *50 Jobs* breaks everything down in such categories as Benefits, Drawbacks, Dress Code, Salary, Fame and Education. This one should be on everyone's bookshelf!

Kate E. Fitzpatrick '01

*University Receptionist*

*Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by Susan Vreeland

In *Girl*, Vreeland traces the history of a "lost" Vermeer painting, leading us further into the past



with every chapter. Owner by owner, the girl takes on many faces: blushing lost love, friend, silent witness to a private pain, until we are presented with the girl herself and discover the passion behind her enigmatic gaze. This book is perfect for anyone who loves to read but doesn't have a lot of time, each chapter a perfect piece of prose unto itself.

*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer

A first-person account of the Everest tragedy in 1996, *Into Thin Air* became an instant classic in the true adventure genre upon publication. Admittedly, I knew very little of mountaineering when I picked this up, but Krakauer knows his audience, bringing his story to life with unflinching honesty, even as it adds to his own sense of survivor's guilt. Almost 10 years later, this convergence of misplaced ambition, bad weather, and, in the case of some, worse judgment, still haunts me.

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Written for the pre-teen set (and winner of the Newberry Medal for children's literature in 1994), this book is a must read for all. Told through the eyes of Jonas, a 12-year-old boy, *The Giver* challenges us to carefully weigh the merits of a "perfect world." This book is a quick read with brilliant characterization and a very powerful theme.

*Join your fellow book lovers at the O! Book Club, led by various OU faculty members. The club meets twice a year on the Oglethorpe campus. For more information, visit [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu) or call the Alumni Office at 404-364-8443.*



## Noting Their Success

By Mark DeLong '03

With Barb Henry '85

*Dorian: a mode of the major musical scale, characterized by simplicity and solemnity.*

*Dorian Software: founded by a liberal arts graduate, characterized by old-fashioned values and modern products.*

Robert A. Milford '99 loves the technical aspect of music, having studied music theory and composition at Oglethorpe University. When he started a software company, it made perfect sense to honor his love of music in the midst of more technical pursuits.

Dorian Software took root in Jacobs 23, Milford's Upper Quad residence, nearly 10 years ago. From his quad-side room, Milford built his company with help from many in the OU community. His freshman roommate, Matthew White '99, is Dorian's chief operating officer and vice president of marketing.

The company's origins can be traced to 1996, when Milford took a work-study position in the IT department. Under the watch of Virginia Tomlinson '93, former director of information technology,

Milford developed a system to deliver faxes to individual computers on campus.

In 1997, Milford created Event Archiver to collect and consolidate event log files and shared the software with Oglethorpe. To this day, he offers free use of his software to OU. Milford graduated with an individually planned major in computer and music theory and a solid framework for his entrepreneurial enterprise.

Dorian has grown tremendously since its days in Jacobs Hall. Its offerings have expanded from Event Archiver to include four main programs today, three of which are bundled into the Event Log Management Suite, named Editor's Choice last November by *Windows IT Pro* magazine.

Dorian's business increased after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, when companies were looking to boost their network security. Dorian gains business from government regulations, such as HIPAA in the healthcare industry and the recent Sarbanes-Oxley, which place substantial auditing burdens on public companies.

"We get inquiries daily about compliance issues," says White, who keeps busy reading to stay current on regulatory compliance issues and jargon. "A liberal arts education is almost a necessity in today's economy for people who wear multiple hats."

White majored in communications with an interest in the law. A business law course, taught by Tad Ransopher, helped him understand the legal world, while a business communications course, taught by Anne Rosenthal, helped him learn to communicate effectively.

"If you want to be a successful entrepreneur, you can't be single-faceted," Milford said. "You have to have a combination of skills, including business writing and a strong creative side as well. A liberal arts degree fosters those skills much better than a technical degree."

To learn more about Dorian, visit [www.doriansoft.com](http://www.doriansoft.com).



*Matthew White (left) and Robert Milford visit the OU dorm room where Dorian Software was born.*

## class notes



### Building a Legacy at Oglethorpe

*Oglethorpe has taught generations of students to make a life, make a living and make a difference. Some families have generations of alumni, forming an Oglethorpe legacy family. Below, three legacy families share their Oglethorpe experience.*

#### Love Was in the Air: The Flammer Family

**Bill '62** and **Joan Womack '64** Flammer met during Joan's first week at Oglethorpe back in 1960. "My roommate and his roommate started dating," Joan said. "That's how we got to know each other." 1, 2

"Oh," Bill remarks, "she spotted me before that!"

"You keep believing that," Joan chides her husband.

Bill and Joan's son, also **Bill '90**, "wanted no part of Oglethorpe" when he was looking at colleges, according to Joan. "It was too close to the city." After two years at Furman, their son Bill transferred to Oglethorpe, where he met his future wife, **Carol Morgan '89**. 3, 4

"I was the only female resident assistant on the men's quad," Carol explains. "Bill will swear that I am the one that checked him into his room. Funny, I don't remember that part."

She does remember Bill and his friends from her duty nights. "They used to sit outside in the evening playing banjos and being rowdy. I had to tell them to be quiet on several occasions."

"One of Bill's friends kept asking me out," Carol says. "I finally told the friend that I wasn't interested in him, but that I would consider going out with Bill."

Bill and Carol's son, William "Forrest" Flammer, turned 6 in February. No word yet on his college of choice.

#### Tall Tales: The Bartenfeld Family

**Carrie Bartenfeld Wilson '89** vividly remembers her grandparents, **Thomas '24** and **Carol '26**, telling her the story about Palm the elephant, a Ringling Brothers and Barnum Bailey Circus elephant that was buried on campus after dying of arsenic poisoning. Palm was brought to OU in 1941 by the school's medical students for the study of anatomy and was buried somewhere behind Lowry Hall (now Philip Weltner Library). Carrie's father, **Richard '58**, and husband, **Mark '88**, are also Oglethorpe alumni.

#### It's All in the Genes: The Stephens Family

**Patrick Dawson Stephens '27** left a legacy of great Petrel basketball players to his alma mater. **Patrick Douglas Stephens '59** and **Jack Patrick Stephens '95**, his son and grandson, both were standouts for the Stormy Petrels. Longtime local sportswriter Charlie Roberts used to call Patrick senior "the Rudolph Valentino of the basketball court" for his tall, dark good looks.

*Are you part of a legacy family too? Share your Oglethorpe experience with us! Email us with a list of all family attendees and your story at [alumni@oglethorpe.edu](mailto:alumni@oglethorpe.edu) and look for more legacy memories in the next issue of The Carillon.*



## Future Freshmen

Rich Fischer '86 and his wife Mary Beth announce the birth of their fourth child, Ella Grace, on Nov. 11, 2004. She joins sisters Sarah Beth, 11, and Anna, 2, and brother Robert, 9. The family lives in Louisville, Ky., where Rich works as a research wildlife biologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 5

Donna Adair Breault '88 and her husband, Rick, announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Adair Breault, on July 21, 2004, in Bloomington, Ill. She was 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches long. Donna is a professor at Georgia State University in educational policy studies, and Rick is a professor of elementary education at Kennesaw State University. They live in Avondale Estates, Ga. 6

Merrill "Merri" Griffis Gibson '90 and her husband, Bruce, announce the birth of their second daughter, Amanda Mackenzie, on May 7, 2004. Amanda was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Bruce is a video product manager with Knology Inc. and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in communication. Merri is a stay-at-home mother who works a few days a month as a contract physical therapist. She has a bachelor's degree in physical therapy and a Master of Education from Georgia State University. The Gibsons live in Canton, Ga. 7

Carrie Adkins Davies '96 and Chip Davies '96 announce the birth of daughter, Elizabeth LeeAnn, born on Dec. 17, 2004. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21 inches long. 7

Jaime Jedrychowski Melton '98 and her husband, Brian Melton, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Terese, on Sept. 13, 2004. 8

Dr. James Rissler '98 and Christina Burnham Rissler '98 announce the birth of their son, Andrew Hoyt, on Dec. 27, 2004. Andrew weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long. 9

Chanda Thomas '98 married Lloyd Leshoure on July 5, 2003, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church-Riley in Birmingham, Ala. Their daughter, Leilani Traniece, was born on Feb. 3, 2004, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Chanda is the program coordinator for Norwood Resource Center in Birmingham. 8

Catherine Borck Horsefield '99 and Jeremy Horsefield '99 announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Christopher, on Sept. 16, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long. 10

Mandy Sloan McDow Flemming '00 and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their son, Jackson Matthew, on Oct. 7, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 20.5 inches long. Mandy is returning to work as the pastor of both West Farms and Bethesda United Methodist churches in the Farmingdale, N.J., area. 11

Jodie Sexton Goff '01 and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Catherine, on Dec. 29, 2004, at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. Emma weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 inches long. 12

Christopher Jackson '01 and Sara Haviland Jackson '01 announce the birth of their son, Pierce Haviland, on Dec. 6, 2004, in Chapel Hill, N.C. Pierce weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long. Sara completed her master's degree in 2004. Christopher is in law school, and he recently won a writing competition with the *Richmond Journal of Law and Technology*. He is completing an externship with a North Carolina State Supreme Court Justice and an internship with the National Health Law Policy program. 13

Melanie "Nickie" Gilpin Pearson '01 and her husband, Tap, celebrate the birth of their first child, Collie Andrew. Nickie is working on her Ph.D. in history at the University of Georgia. In the past year, she received a master's degree from U.G.A., where her studies focused on Indians in the Lower Mississippi Valley. 14

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Angela Bagley Fitzpatrick '04 proudly announces the birth of her son, Mark Jakob, who was born on June 17, 2004, which also was Angela's 21st birthday. Mark was 8 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 21.25 inches. Angela lives in New Mexico with her husband, John, at Cannon Air Force Base. 15

## Wedded Bliss

Charles E. Killam '93 married his partner of nearly 10 years, Robert Scott McClenaghan, on July 2, 2004, in Cambridge, Mass. They live in Boston with Charles' biological son, Austin Scott McClenaghan Killam, who was born on July 31, 2003. Charles works at the New England School of Law, and Robert works at Harvard University. 16

Christine Hathaway '94 and Thomas Carter were married on Nov. 15, 2003, at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in Sandy Springs, Ga. Oglethorpe alumni in attendance included Amy and Chris Ballar '93, Faith Gilpin, and Mary Catherine Cutcliffe '94. Christine teaches third grade in Cobb County, Ga. 17

Leia Inzerello '95 married Brian Paul of Annapolis, Md., in Leia's hometown of Evansville, Ind., on May 29, 2004. Leia's matron of honor was Kim Fowler Kerstann '98. Other Oglethorpe alumni attending included Lori Green LeRoy '95, Brooke Bourdélet-Parks '95 and Scott Helms '95. The couple lives in Madison, Wis., where Leia is a veterinarian in a small animal practice, and Brian is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wisconsin. 18

Becky Ponier '95 married Thomas O'Neal Presley on May 29, 2004, in Roswell, Ga. Following the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Paris. Becky is an instructional designer for the training department at SunTrust Bank, and Tom is an associate in the Wealth Management Group at SunTrust. The couple lives in Woodstock, Ga., with their beloved dachshund, Kaner.

Lainie Wilson '00 and Scott "Teeter" Harris married in Tybee Island, Ga., on Dec. 4, 2004. The couple lives in Sarasota, Fla. 19

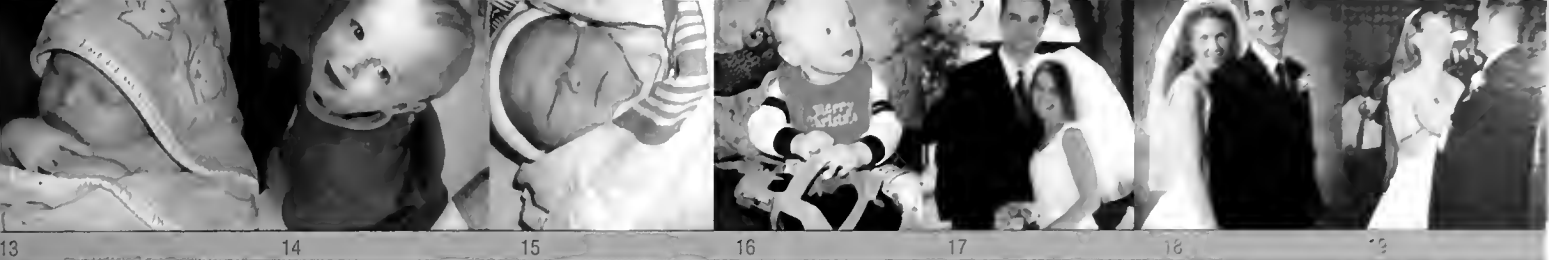
Brooke Roberts '01 married Scott Christopher Bourgeois '00 on Aug. 28, 2004, in Chattanooga, Tenn. There were about 50 Oglethorpe alumni in attendance, and Oglethorpe wedding party members included Kristi Wright '01, Heather Baber Maroney '01, Ashley Zimmerman '01, Jesse De Maria '02 and Anthony Freeman '99. Following the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Negril, Jamaica. Brooke is a financial analyst for Russell Athletic Corp., and Scott is senior financial analyst for Delta Air Lines. The couple lives in Atlanta. 20

Karen Anthony '02 and John Schnick were married on July 24, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Americus, Ga. About 300 guests attended the wedding, including Oglethorpe graduates Jill Barcroft '04, Megan Breece '02 (maid of honor), Robin and Jeff Poole '02, Angie Baldwin Roda '01 (bridesmaid), Michelle Spann '04, Heather Staniszewski '02 and Laura Moon '02. The couple honeymooned in Rose Hall, Jamaica, before returning to Chamblee, Ga. Karen works for the Southern Regional Education Board as a research associate, and John completed his civil engineering degree at the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2004.

Kristine Suber '02 and Greg Hanchar were married Oct. 9, 2004, at the Lovely Lane Chapel in St. Simons Island, Ga. 21

Kimberly Watkins '02 and Carl Daniel of Jackson, Miss., were married Aug. 8, 2004, at the Primrose Cottage in historic Roswell, Ga. Melissa Kostelansky Eis '02 was a bridesmaid. Many alumni, including Heidi Blackwell '99, Mike Eis '01, Kim Feld '03 and Julie Greenwell '01, attended the wedding. The couple lives in Sandy Springs, Ga. 22

Cathy Blasdel '03 and Mike Iconis were married Nov. 6, 2004, at the Chapel at Decatur First Methodist. Alumni in attendance included Tiffani Lamprecht '03 and Kien Taing '03. The couple lives



in Tucker with their dog, Kody, and cat, Leo. Cathy is a forensic accountant at Tauber and Balser, P.C., and Mike, a graduate of Georgia Tech, is vice president of information technologies at WordZXpressed. 23

## Alumni Updates

The Atlanta Zoo has always lacked kangaroos until May 2004, when a permanent exhibit of live animals was established as a memorial in honor of Sue Bailey Sullivan '37. What a wonderful tribute to Sue's memory!

Ken Steele '49, retired Oglethorpe Trustee and owner of the Petrel Shop in 1947-48, is teaching at Northwood University at the Florida campus in West Palm Beach. Ken plays tennis and is trustee for the City Pension Fund.

Walter Slack '50 turned 80 in 2004 and was joined by family and friends for a celebration at his sister's summer home in Ocean City, N.J. His sister's husband was Bob Larison, who attended Oglethorpe University for two years and died in 2004.

Ila Varelmann McCoy '58 and her husband Don began a new adventure when they moved to New Mexico in August 2004.

Nancy Thompson English '62 is a travel agent in Atlanta. She and husband Rob have two children and four grandchildren. Rob retired from teaching and coaching to become a professional baseball scout, first with the Atlanta Braves and currently with the Boston Red Sox.

Sandy Wolsey Thomas '64 reports that retirement has given her a chance to drive heavy equipment, study opera, review her car manual, and learn sign language — all with the help of her four grandchildren. She lives in Newnan, Ga.

Susan Goodchild Jordan '66, '73 retired as a teacher from Gwinnett County Schools in Georgia in

2000, but returned as a reading and math specialist the following year. Her son, James, graduated from Emory University and is employed by Kodak PracticeWorks, and her daughter, Catherine, is a senior at the University of Georgia.

Cathy Ayer Clark '79 is president of CA Specialities, Ltd., chemical distributors of raw materials used to manufacture cosmetics and personal care products. Her company received two awards in 2004. In April, they were listed by *Purchasing Magazine* in the Top 100 Chemical Distributors in the U.S. In November, they were recognized by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce as one of the Top 25 Fastest Growing Companies in South Carolina.

Chris Fulton '80 moved from Atlanta to Franklin, N.C., in 1998. He lives on 25 acres bordering U.S. Forest Service land. Chris works "on the road" as a sound engineer and enjoys traveling the world.

Carlene Rod Oakes '80 and her husband, Frank, live in San Antonio, Texas. Carlene is a call center manager.

Judi Vananzi Rabel '80 and her husband have three children: Nicole, an actress; Danielle, a project manager of retail design; and Huitr, a production manager for a cable television station. Judi is a former R.N. who lived in Geneva, Switzerland, for two years with her husband while he worked for the U.N. She is a volunteer for the Alliance Theatre, Hospice Atlanta and the Southeastern Flower Show.

Wanda Thornton Rucker '80 and her husband, Franklin, have four children: Janel Johnson, 27, who graduated from Georgia State University and is currently employed at an engineering firm in risk management; Millicent "Micki" Cone, 17, a freshman at Oglethorpe; Sydney Cone, 14, a ninth grader at Our Lady of Mercy High School; and Taylor Rucker, 9, a fourth grader at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School. Franklin is the director of planning and development for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Wanda is a regional unit manager for the Georgia Department of Labor in Hapeville, Ga.

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Kathy Burnett Tancrede '80 and her husband, Tinker, have three children: Andree Nicole Robertson, 21; Tosha Marie, 18; and Stephen Zechariah, 13. They live in Tunnel Hill, Ga. She has worked for an insurance company investigating insurance fraud, the Wool Bureau promoting wool for carpet, herself importing carpet, RBI International Carpet Consultants developing training and marketing programs, and RBI Printing Company printing and offering letter marketing and direct mail services.

Jenny Q. Beaman '81 began her career as director of product planning and operations for BellSouth International. She attends Emory University, where she is completing a master's degree in theological studies.

Kevin Egan '81 and his wife, Sharman, live in Atlanta. Kevin sells privatized probation services to criminal court systems. Sharman is a realtor who specializes in listing in-town properties.

Cary Kleinfeld '81 is a financial planner and senior vice president of Raymond James and Associates. Cary received his wealth management degree, and he will sit for the Certified Financial Planning degree in the spring. His primary residence is Fort Myers, Fla., and he maintains a home in Atlanta.

Tim Tassopoulos '81 and his wife, Maria, have two children, Luke and Nicholas. He received his M.B.A. from Georgetown University in 1983 and has served in several positions for Oglethorpe, including a term on the Board of Trustees.

Jill Lesko Burnett '82 has two children: Janine, 17, and Clayton, 14. She manages a kitchen appliance distribution showroom in Roswell, Ga., featuring Viking ranges and other high-end kitchen products. She also works on art commissions as time allows, working in watercolor, oil and pastel landscapes and portraits.

Meg Cole '82 lives in Atlanta. She received an M.B.A. from Oglethorpe in 1998 and her MS-I/O from UTC in 2001.

Charles "Chuck" Nicholas '82 and his wife, Susan, have two daughters: Caitlin, 17, and Lindsay, 13. Both daughters attend the David Lipscomb Campus School in Nashville, Tenn. Chuck joined Vanderbilt University in February 2004 as the associate director of procurement. Chuck's family enjoys theatre, and they have performed together in several productions, one of which was written by wife Susan.

Ellen Heckler O'Herlihy '82 lives with her husband, Michael, in Connecticut. They have one child: Kiernan Elizabeth, 6, who is in the first grade. Ellen has had many professions including paraprofessional in an elementary school, bank teller, proofreader of law books and travel guides, editor of television listings, librarian and stay-at-home mother.

Donna Passaro '82 and her husband, Robert, live in Norcross, Ga., with their dogs, Maggie and Spooky. Donna opened an online Wiccan/Pagan/New Age store in 1997, called The Blessed Bee. She is a Wiccan High Priestess with a small coven in the Atlanta area. They have one daughter, Jennefer Combs McCool, 23, who is a religion student at the University of Georgia.

Maureen Robinson '82 lives in Atlanta and works for K-Swiss Inc.

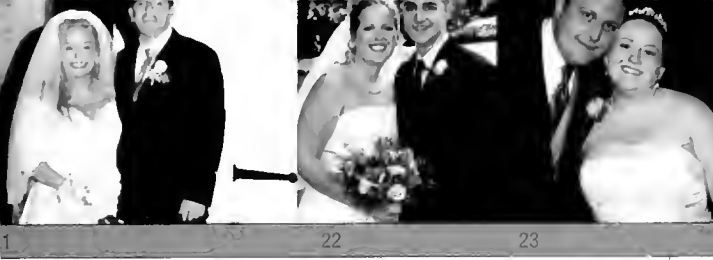
Susan Gebhardt Shepherd '82 works in Lexington, Ky., as a published manager for McGraw-Hill.

Kathleen S. Ahearn '83 and her husband, David Barlow, have one daughter, Alison, 3. They live in West Point, N.Y. Her favorite Oglethorpe memory is being part of the OU Players.

Jennifer Giles Brumby '83 met her husband in 1970 while in sixth grade at the Lovett School. They have two children: Breland, 16, and Ben, 12.

Robert Buck '83 moved from Oxford to Southbury, Conn., where he and his wife, Maggie, purchased a horse farm called the Kettle Drum Farm. Ed Sullivan owned the farm from the late 1950s into the early 1960s, and the Buck house was built in





the 1730s. Robert is an optometrist. The couple has one son, Mark Scibek.

Michael Burke '83 and his wife, Mo, have a 2-year-old son named Aidan. Michael graduated from medical school in Augusta, Ga., finishing his residency in psychiatry at Duke University in Durham, N.C. Michael serves on the faculty at Emory University and at the Atlanta VA hospital.

Patricia "Trisha" McCulloch Christian '83 and her husband, Beau, have a daughter, Brittany, 13, and a son, Philip, 11. They have lived in Cumming, Ga., for 12 years. Tricia has worked at Merrill Lynch since she graduated from Oglethorpe.

Karen Keiser-Jenkins '83 and her husband, Gary, have two children: Madison, 9, and Preston, 6. They live in Atlanta.

Deborah L. Morgan '83, after 15 years of private practice, works for the Office of the General Counsel, USDA. She spends much of her time renovating her 77-year-old home.

Sue Weston Rajagopal '83 and her husband, Hari, met through Matchmaker.com while working across the street from each other as IT consultants in the Denver Tech Center. They have two children: Alex, 15, and Jai, 5. Sue is a stay-at-home, home-schooling mother as well as coordinator for Warm Hearts Warm Babies, a Colorado non-profit organization. She and Hari have six dogs, four cats, three rabbits and plans for raising livestock.

Bethsheba Romero Bowman '83 received her master's degree from Western New Mexico University in 1999. She has worked for Gallup-McKinley County Schools for 22 years teaching the fourth grade in Gallup, N.M.

Raymond Widdowson '83 and his wife, Ryan, live in Jacksonville, Fla. Ryan is the assistant principal at Lake Asbury Elementary School in Clay County, Fla. Ray works at Home Depot. They have one son, Clay, 6. Three years ago they sold the family farm in

Statesborough, Ga., and bought 250 acres on the St. Mary's River just south of Folkston, Ga. The property is affectionately known as "The Turtle Tree Ranch."

Stephanie Staples Babbitt '84 and her husband, Earl, met in 1982 during an Alpha Phi Omega Section Conference, which was held on the Oglethorpe campus. She was the treasurer of the OU chapter, and Earl was an advisor to the Georgia Tech chapter. Stephanie and Earl married in 1986, and they live in Clarkston, Ga. They are involved in purebred rescue and have a houseful of foster and permanent pets. Stephanie does freelance graphic design and technical writing/editing, and Earl works at the Georgia Institute of Technology in the School of Civil Engineering.

Bob Balkcom '84 lives in Duluth, Ga., with his wife, Tracy. They have two children: Zach, 13, and Will, 10.

Laura Fowler '84 received her M.P.A. with environmental concentration in August 2000. She has been assisting the National Alumni Association with alumni events. In the fall, she spent two weeks in Florida assisting FEMA as it provided services to those in need after the 2004 hurricanes.

Kevin Goff '84 and Patty Bourne Goff '84 met while they were both Oglethorpe students, but they did not meet on campus. Instead, they met in Germany during an Oglethorpe business department trip. They began dating when they returned, married on the 10th anniversary of the trip, and returned to Europe for their honeymoon. They held their wedding reception in the Great Hall of Hearst. They live in suburban Atlanta. Kevin owns a computer business, and Patty is an accountant.

Andrea Gelfon Leonard '84 lives with her husband Rob in Suwanee, Ga. They have three children: Ava, 5, Ryan, 3, and Alec, 1. Andrea received her bachelor's degree in English from Auburn University in 1986. Before the birth of her daughter five years ago, Andrea worked as technical writer, marker specialist and project manager.

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Joanie Kelly Reinheimer '84 and her husband, Craig Reinheimer '84, met one week into their freshman year at Oglethorpe. They have two children: Clara Lacey, 13, and Leslie Erin, 8. They live in the suburbs of Philadelphia.

David Sanders '84 met his wife, Diane Flynn, in 1984 during graduate school in Ames, Iowa, where he received his Ph.D. in 1991. They have one child, Emily. They live in Danbury, Conn.

Ralph Beard '85 lives in Nashville, Tenn. He has two children: Jack, 7, and Sam, 3. Ralph attended the Nashville School of Law, spent 10 years as an aide to the Tennessee State House of Representatives and served as a lobbyist. His favorite hobby is participating in charity cycling events that span 100 or more miles in a day.

Daniel M. Duncanson, M.D., '85 and his wife, Lisa, have four children: Danny, 13, Jennifer, 11, Lauren, 9, and Madison, 4. He has lived in Gainesville, Fla., since 1989 where he is a physician of internal medicine and director of primary care for Southeastern Integrated Medical P.A. In 1989 he received his M.D. from the University of South Florida, and he completed his residency in 1992 at the University of Florida.

Jay W. Floyd, M.D., '85 is a doctor and lives in North Carolina.

Barbara Bessmer Henry '85 and her husband Don Henry '83 have three children: Meredith, 15; Austin, 13; and Mitchell, 10. Barb and Don met at Oglethorpe. Barb worked in the Oglethorpe Admission Office for 15 years. Last year she moved to the Alumni Relations Office, and she is enjoying reconnecting with her Oglethorpe alumni friends.

Mick Rathjens '85 lives in Florida with his wife, Kari Anderson. They have three children: Kiana Marie, 8, Kyle Blake, 4, and Onalee Brena, 2. Mick received his master's degree in psychology from Nova University in 1987. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1989. He completed his post-

doctoral residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in 1990. Mick served as chief psychologist in a rehabilitation hospital for 10 years and was director of spinal cord injury, oncology, pain and burn programs. He now has a private practice in Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Catherine Steiner '85 lives in Tacoma, Wash. Since graduating, she has worked primarily in the employee benefits field with both human resources departments and benefits consulting firms.

John Winecker '85 and his wife, Ruth Ritch Winecker '87, met at Oglethorpe. John is enrolled in the teacher education program at North Carolina Central University in order to obtain his license in elementary education. Shortly after Ruth graduated from Oglethorpe, they moved to Gainesville, Fla., where she completed her Ph.D. at the University of Florida.

Richard Williams '85 was named the High School Teacher of the Year for 2004-2005 by Fulton County Schools, Atlanta. Richard is an English teacher at Milton High School.

Mike Cheek '86 and his wife, Tammy, have two sons: Bailee, 13, and Bradley, 11. Mike is president of the Tennessee Riverboat Company in Knoxville, Tenn.

Laurie Lee Deally '86 married her husband, Oswin "Oz," in 1993. They have one daughter, Olivia Kate, 5. Laurie completed her Ed.S. in school psychology in 1996 at Georgia State University and worked in metro area schools for several years before enjoying at-home motherhood with Olivia. Oz is originally from South America and came to New York at age 7. He works for himself in the computer industry. They live in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Martha "Marty" Eastlack '86 and her husband Scott Zraggen '86 live in Pennsylvania with their two children, Derek and Nick, 7. Marty received her MSPT from Boston University in 1989 and her Ph.D. from the University of Delaware in 1996. She has practiced as a physical therapist, and she now teaches in a P.T. program.



David Holcomb '86 lives in Georgia with his wife, Louisa Lambert Holcomb '86. They have two children: Kaitlyn, 14, and Zachary, 10.

Helen Maddox Menefee '86 and her husband, Fred, met in Atlanta during her senior year at Oglethorpe. They have two children: Frederick, 14, and Helen, 11.

Vicki Blaylock Mitchell '86 met her husband, Mike, at West Georgia College in 1977. She taught high school for 14 years. Her hobby is dressage or riding.

Patricia Yates Mundie '86 lives and works in Virginia.

Angela Wilson Schneider '86 is a third grade teacher in Cobb County, Ga. She and her husband, Brad, met in their church nursery when they were toddlers.

Sandra Goldberg Slomovitz '86 and her husband, Richard, have two children: Amanda, 9, and Adam, 5. Sandra is a former CPA who is now a stay-at-home mother. She enjoys volunteering at her children's schools and raising a puppy for the group Canine Companion for Independence.

Robin Porter Stein '86 and her husband, Larry, have a daughter, Ariel Elizabeth, 7, who is a second grader at Norfolk Collegiate School, Norfolk, Va. Larry is a commander in the U.S. Navy. He is the intelligence department head aboard the aircraft carrier USS HARRY S. TRUMAN. Robin was recently elected president of the HARRY S. TRUMAN family support group.

Hope Waldman Targoff '86 and her husband, Darren, have a daughter, Montana, 1. Hope received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Southern Florida in 1987 and her master's degree in Educational Leadership from Florida Atlantic University in 1998. She works at FAU in the education department and lives in Plantation, Fla.

David Turner '86 is married to Mabel Lastres-Turner '90. They have two children: Erica, 9, and Avery, 5. David met Mabel at Oglethorpe while he was dressed in drag, getting ready for a Greek Week skit. She was a prospective student. They later hit it off under more normal conditions when she became a freshman later that year. David received his M.D. in 1992 from the Emory School of Medicine. He spent 14 years in the U.S. Air Force, where he achieved the rank of major.

Margaret Chin '87 joined Dr. Nancy Kerr, retired Provost, for a memorable vacation. Pictured are Margaret and Dr. Kerr at War Arun in Bangkok, one of the many temples they visited in their two-day sightseeing adventure in Thailand's capital city. 24

Dean DeCencio '87 lives with his wife, Laura, in New Jersey. They have four children: Samuel, 5, Teddy, 3, Claire, 2, and Genevieve, 1.

Joe Delrocini '87 lives with his wife, Lisa, in New Jersey. They have two children, Kevin and Megan. Joe received his D.M.D. in 1991 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

Scott Soloway '87 and Stacy McDonald Soloway '86 met at Oglethorpe. They have two children: Jennifer, 12, and Adam, 8. Stacy works for Cox Enterprises as a travel manager, and Scott is a financial controller for Lin Pac Inc. in Atlanta.

Deda Walker Band '88 and her husband, Bill, have a daughter, Addie. They live in Raleigh, N.C.

Brian Buzzeo '88 met his wife, Tracey Johnson Buzzeo '88, at Oglethorpe. They have one child, William, 3. After Oglethorpe, Brian received his M.D. from Vanderbilt Medical School and completed his urology residency at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Tracey received her bachelor's from Vanderbilt University and received her J.D. at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. They live in Gastonia, N.C.

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Traci Bell Green '88 earned a master's degree in special education from North Georgia College in 1996. She has two sons: Zachary, 11, and Daniel, 15. Traci has taught severe and profound mentally retarded students for the Fulton County School System in Georgia for 14 years. Traci is also a parent advisor for Georgia Pines, helping families integrate and bond with their newborn deaf/blind children.

Charis Andrews Hanberry '88 and her husband, Dwayne '88, met in 1986 at Oglethorpe. They have two sons: David, 9, and Daniel, 5. Charis has worked for Turner Broadcasting for nine years, and Dwayne is the assistant commissioner for the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, of which Oglethorpe is a member.

Christine Graf Taggart '88 and her husband, Jeff, have two children: Makayla, 9, and Alexander, 6. Christine has worked as a research chemist, registered sonographer and a Girl Scout leader for five years. They live in Dallas, Ga.

Dawn Ellis Fleming '89 and her husband, Jim, have two daughters: Hannah, 13, and Morgan, 7. Dawn teaches first grade at Ashford Park Elementary in Brookhaven, Ga.

Scott Haight '89 has lived in California, Arizona and Texas, but he is now glad to be home in Atlanta. He works in the insurance industry.

Teresa Barnhill Wilson '89 and her husband, Patrick, have a son, Joe. Teresa is the preschool director at St. Michael the Archangel church in Alpharetta, Ga.

Marla Moore Gray '91 began a post-MSW clinical social work fellowship at the Yale Child Study Clinic in July 2004.

Robin Rowe '91 moved from Atlanta to Phoenix in 1997 and became a volunteer wilderness information specialist in the Superstition Mountain Wilderness area of Tonto National Forest. She is now a certified forest protection officer.

Michael Steele '93 is an aircraft dispatcher for Air Midwest in Wichita, Kan. Michael graduated with an M.B.A. from Georgia State University in May 2004.

Nathan Briesemeister '94 and his wife, Jennifer, moved to Basking Ridge, N.J., in September 2004. Nathan is a senior manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The couple has three children: Matthew, 5, Will, 3, and Kate, 1.

Jamie Walker Ball '95, has earned her law degree from Southwestern University School of Law and has been admitted to practice in California. She is now an associate at Rushfeldt, Shelley & Drake and is specializing in medical malpractice defense. Jamie will be getting her 15 minutes of fame on July 7, 2005, when she appears on an episode of Jeopardy! She got her clock cleaned by a 23-year-old graduate student, but just being on the show was a lot of fun—once a quiz bowl geek, always a quiz bowl geek!

Thomas Barker '95 recently moved from a postdoctoral position at the Hope Heart Institute at the University of Washington to Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, or the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, Switzerland. Tom is a senior scientist in the Laboratory for Regenerative Medicine and Pharmacobiology. His research focuses on the use of the native hemostatic (blood clotting) polymer system, fibrin, as a therapeutic delivery method for the regeneration of injured tissues.

Gina Fraone '95 is a fine art consultant for Galerie d'Orsay in Boston. Gina entered graduate school in the art history department at Tufts University in 2004.

Trista Fink Neely '95 received a master's degree in adolescent education from Kennesaw State University in December 2003. Trista is a stay-at-home mother to daughters Caitlin and Madison. Trista is expecting a third child this summer. She and husband Jeff have climbed Mount Ranier and successfully summited Crestone Needle in Colorado in 2004. Jeff is a pilot with AirTran.



Charles "Chip" Davies '96 graduated from a professional golf management program and was elected to membership in the Professional Golfers' Association of America on July 30, 2004. Chip is currently an assistant golf professional at the Oconee Course at Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Ga.

Chad Foster '96 recently had his first book, *How Firm a Foundation*, published. Chad teaches theology at Trinity College and is the Lutheran chaplain and minister at Murray State University.

Eleanor Fulton '96 received her Master of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University on Dec. 18, 2004.

Stacey Chapman Tobin '96 received her master's degree in molecular physiology and biophysics from Vanderbilt University in 1998, and was awarded a Ph.D. in neurobiology and physiology from Northwestern University in 2003. In 2003, she was hired as a senior medical writer at ACCESS Medical Group, a medical education and communications company in Chicago. She was recently promoted to associate director of editorial services.

Stacey continues her work as a freelance science/technical writer for various academic and biotechnology clients. She lives with her husband, James, and stepson, Liam, in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Pamela Cochran Torbert '96 is a stay-at-home mother of two children in Marietta, Ga. She spent four years as a computer programmer with Patient Care Technologies.

Stephanie Giles Howard '97 has been accepted to Lenoir-Rhyne College to study elementary education. She aspires to become a kindergarten teacher, and works as a teacher's aide and tutor for ninth-grade remedial algebra at Hickory High School, N.C. She is pictured above with husband Dwight. 25

Brian Shipley '97 graduated from Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tenn., in June 2004, and he was supported by a scholarship during his studies there. Brian is an optometrist in Atlanta.

Elizabeth DeBroux '98 served at a Latter-day Saints mission in western El Salvador and now lives in Salt Lake City. She plans to enter the University of Utah to earn a master's degree in secondary education and teacher's certification. She is the undergraduate executive secretary for the Department of Languages and Literature at the University of Utah.

Maria Topczij '98 traveled to Indonesia in February 2004 to work with Australian missionaries who are meeting the basic needs of thousands of people in refugee camps. While there, the team taught sanitation and hygiene principles to medical students being trained by the missionaries and assisted in drilling wells for safe drinking water. Maria lives in North Pole, Alaska.

Kristine Lawrie '99 is the environmental, health and safety leader at the Owens Corning roofing and asphalt plant in Minneapolis, Minn. She spends her days decked out in steel-toed shoes, safety glasses, earplugs and a hard hat. Kristine enjoys the company of her chocolate lab, Charlie, and is training for her second marathon.

Jerry Portwood '99 lives with his partner in Barcelona, Spain. Jerry has chaperoned several student architectural trips around Spain. He is using his time away from the hectic life of a full-time career to concentrate on short story writing, freelance journalism and learning Spanish. When Jerry returns to the United States in the summer of 2005, he hopes to pursue a career in journalism or publishing.

Jeremiah Jeffra '99 is a professor of humanities at the Art Institute of California in Los Angeles, where he currently teaches English, visual language and culture, and performance theory. He is spearheading *Patterns*, an aesthetics journal that aims to anthologize the disparate elements that personify the Los Angeles art community. He lives in Hollywood, Calif.

Amy Simone '99 is a graduate student in the master's degree program for physician assistants at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science.

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Penny Anderson '01 is living in Nashville, Tenn., where she coordinates fundraising, volunteer recruitment and marketing for Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee.

Tracy Kelley-Rogers '01 graduated magna cum laude in January 2004 from Columbus State University with a master's degree in education in the field of school counseling. Tracy was married July 17, 2004, in Laguna Beach, Fla., to Billy Rogers of Conyers, Ga. They live in Jonesboro, Ga., with Tracy's stepson Drake, 8. Tracy is studying to become certified as a counselor in Georgia.

Maureen Leddy '01 is pursuing a master's degree in social work at San Diego State University.

Chad Mozley '01 teaches American and British literature at Grayson High School in Gwinnett County, Ga. Chad received a master's degree in teaching in 2003 from Georgia College and State University.

Jessie De Maria '02 entered the Master of Library Science program at the University of South Florida in Tampa in 2005. She is a graduate assistant, specializing in children's literature and youth services. Although she will move to Tampa to complete her degree, she will still be a frequent visitor to the Oglethorpe campus as her francé, Dan Giordano '02, coaches the Oglethorpe baseball and volleyball teams.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Jones '02 is teaching history at Redan High in Stone Mountain, Ga. Jackie is also a yearbook advisor and tennis coach.

Kelley Bowden '03 spent nearly six months in the Fiji Islands with the organization Marine Reach - Youth with a Mission (YWAM). To date, more than 105,000 people have received direct medical care from Marine Reach, which uses volunteer medical and ministry teams and seeks to change the physical and spiritual climate of a community. Kelley now lives in New Zealand, and she works for another YWAM ministry, Deborah and Associates, as a conference administrator.

Emily Lawson '03 taught math at the KIPP-Path Academy in Atlanta for a year and has recently joined the Peace Corps. After three months of intensive culture and language training, Emily is stationed in rural Thailand for two years, working with multiple schools as a primary school English teacher and teacher trainer.

Rachel McKnight '04 works in Atlanta for CQFD, a French manufacturer of steel and aluminum products. Rachel has traveled this year to Las Vegas, Lyon, France, and Toronto, Canada.

Jaymini Nayee '04 received a presidential scholarship from Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tenn. The presidential scholarship is the highest endowed scholarship that is awarded by SCO and is based on academic review, service and leadership and applicant interviews.

## In Memoriam

Oglethorpe expresses its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the following alumni and friends of the university who have died:

Herbert E. "Herb" Drake, Jr. on June 13, 2004. Mr. Drake was a former member of the President's Advisory Council.

Joseph "Joe" J. Perry, Jr. '35 on Dec. 11, 2004.

Pinky Gates Bondurant '37 on Dec. 3, 2004. 26

William "Bill" H. Reynolds '37 on Jan. 23, 2005.

J. Norman Clark '38 on May 23, 2004.

Wilson P. Franklin '39 on Aug. 4, 2004.

Dr. Guerrant "Guerry" H. Perrow '40 on Jan. 1, 2005.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) John Craig Williams, Sr. '40 on Oct. 30, 2004.





Jeane Mulder Scales '41 on Jan. 7, 2005.

Buford B. Williams '41 died on April 25, 2004.

Clara Copeland Gorman '42 on Feb. 28, 2005.

Joseph E. Brown Jr. '49 in February 2005.

Don E. Pinyan '49 on Feb. 14, 2005.

MaryAnne Tanner Wilson '51 on Oct. 4, 2004.

Louise Murray Clements '52 on Nov. 27, 2004.

Evelyn Shepard Wade '52 on July 13, 2004.

June Cook Murphy-Aldridge '54 on Oct. 2, 2004.

Marie "Bebe" Therrell Henry '57 on July 21, 2004.

Cora Cox Bishop '58 on Jan. 3, 2004.

Helen Boykin Oxford '59 on Dec. 22, 2004.

Augusta R. Mann '61 on Jan. 30, 2005.

Constance Dinkler Wilson '64 on July 22, 2004.

M. Kathy Shirley Cowart '65 on June 29, 2004.

Elizabeth "Twinkie" Rabe Stevenson '65 on Jan. 8, 2005.

Brian E. Anderson '75 on Jan.13, 2005.

William Clarke Rawson, Jr. '80 on Dec. 28, 2004.

Howard Axelberg '40 died on Oct. 19, 2004. Mr. Axelberg was a trustee of Oglethorpe from 1962 until 1995. An English major at Oglethorpe, Mr. Axelberg was a strong supporter of the John Christian Waldron Reference Collection of the Philip Weltner Library. He is survived by his wife, Betty W. Axelberg '42, daughter Elizabeth, sons Jon and Stephen and several nieces and nephews.

John Conant died on March 16, 2005. Mr. Conant received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Oglethorpe in 1992 and was widower of trustee emeritus Miriam Harland Conant. The Conants, named 1988 Georgia Philanthropists of the Year by the Georgia Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, managed the John H. and Wilhelmina D. Harland Charitable Foundation Inc. Mr. Conant worked for the John H. Harland Co. for 35 years before retiring as senior vice president and was the 1987 recipient of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award for outstanding volunteerism. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret Conant Reiser.

Claus Halle, former president of The Coca-Cola Company's international soft drink business, died on Aug. 22, 2004. With support from the Halle Foundation, Oglethorpe began an exchange program with Dortmund University in Germany. Named the Georgia Philanthropist of the Year in 2001, Mr. Halle served as a trustee for The Carter Center, the Woodruff Arts Center, the Southern Center for International Studies and Friends of Goethe. Mr. Halle is survived by wife Marianne, brother Bernhard Halle and sister Christa Huljus.

Philip F. Palmer died on Nov. 5, 2004. Mr. Palmer, professor emeritus of political studies, taught at Oglethorpe for more than 20 years, retiring in 1983. He continued to teach part time at Oglethorpe until 1993. His family remains a part of the OU community. His stepson, Craig Panter, is a 1993 graduate, and his daughter Sally is currently enrolled. When asked what he valued most in a 1978 *Stormy Petrel* interview, Mr. Palmer responded, "I guess probably good friends. I like things, but I prefer people." 27



*Current and former basketball players gathered in Dorough Fieldhouse following the Stormy Petrel's defeat of the Millsaps Majors on Jan. 22. The former players then took to the court for the first Alumni Basketball Game.*

We are having a busy and very productive year in the Alumni Association. Our dedicated alumni board members have made much progress in improving alumni communications and reinvigorating our alumni networks. And I am excited to tell you about a new tradition for our graduating seniors: the Carillon Ceremony.

You are holding in your hands the most visible evidence of our improved alumni communications: *The Carillon*. We are proud of this first-class magazine, where you can keep up with the news from your classmates in the Class Notes section, as well as OU athletics, faculty news and much more.

And I hope that each of you is also receiving the Flying Petrel E-News. If not, just send an email request to Barb Henry in Alumni Relations (bhenry@oglethorpe.edu). This colorful addition to your email inbox includes photos of campus and alumni events and announcements of upcoming events, such as December's superb education seminar and networking reception hosted by the Stormy Petrel Bar Association and the Oglethorpe Alumni Accountants.

Finally, I am pleased to announce a new Oglethorpe tradition: the Carillon Ceremony. Organized by the Alumni Association, this

very special new ceremony will allow each member of the Class of 2005 to enter a "secret door" and climb to the top of the bell tower in Lupton Hall. There, accompanied by members of the alumni board, they will have an opportunity personally to ring the Carillon bells, enjoy the view from the highest point on campus, and have their photo taken.

As these students look out over the campus and contemplate their future, perhaps they will think of how far they have come since they were freshmen and where they have yet to travel, always relying on what they have learned at Oglethorpe to reach higher and farther in their lives and careers. And those who have come before them, the alumni, will be there to share the excitement and bid them a warm welcome into the Alumni Association at a reception following the ceremony.

I am excited about this new commencement tradition, the students are excited about it, and I hope that as many alumni as possible will join us for the first Carillon Ceremony on May 4 at 5 p.m.

Diane Baker '77  
*President, Oglethorpe National Alumni Association*



*On left: Barbara "Bambi" Klein Stewart '64 enjoys the Washington, D.C.-area alumni reception with President Larry Large. On right: Howard Barr '83, Kenny Gould '85 and Jonathan Turley '00 get reacquainted at Washington's M&S Grill.*



## Building Blocks: The Silent Faculty Teaches History

By Joanne Yendle  
Oglethorpe University Archivist

From the earliest days of the refounding of Oglethorpe University in 1915, the campus buildings in their role of “Silent Faculty” have been a source of immense pride to the Oglethorpe community. Writing in the University’s 1916-1917 Catalogue prepared for the first class of incoming students, President Thornwell Jacobs explained, “The architecture of an institution of learning should be a constant source of delight and inspiration to its students, teaching quietly, but surely the highest ideals of life.”

Ground was broken for the Administration Building in November 1914 marking the beginning of a series of construction projects on the new Atlanta campus that would span the next nine decades and continue today. The ground clearing, cornerstone laying ceremony and construction process are variously documented in correspondence, photographs, commemorative programs, invoices for granite and other building materials, as well as in contemporary accounts published in the *Westminster Magazine*. Detailed descriptions, copies of floor plans for all four stories of the building, and photographs of the furnished interiors are interspersed among the pages of the first catalogue. All are preserved among the collections in the University’s Archives along with an extensive photograph collection currently in processing that chronicles the changing campus over the years as do the headlines and feature stories found among the more than 8,000 pages of the university’s student newspapers, *The Oglethorpe Times* (1916), *The Petrel* (early 1920s) and *The Stormy Petrel*.

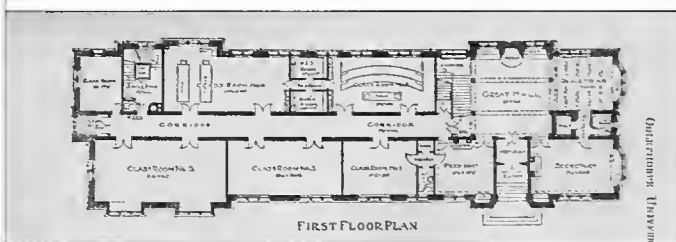
*Cornerstone Laying, Administration Building, Jan. 21, 1915 (Front Row: Frank Inman Jr.; Back Row: Wm. H. George, superintendent of construction work; Dr. Thornwell Jacobs)*



*Cornerstone Laying, Administration Building, Jan. 21, 1915 (L to R: Dr. W. J. Martin, President, Davidson College and Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; Dr. Thornwell Jacobs; Dr. James I. Vance, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn. and Vice President of Board of Directors, Oglethorpe University)*



*Administration Building, Construction, April 23, 1915*



*Administration Building--First Floor Plan (from 1916-1917 First Year Catalogue)*



*Grading following November 1914 groundbreaking for Administration Building*



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## ALUMNI RELATIONS CALENDAR

May 9-12: 2005 Men's Division III NCAA National Golf Tournament, hosted by Oglethorpe. The Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. Alumni reception on May 10 at 7 p.m.

May 23: Stormy Petrel Golf Classic, St. Marlo Country Club, 10:30 a.m. shotgun start.

*Please visit [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu) (keyword: alumni) for more information on events.*